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IWRB APPROVES PROJECT LOANS **AT APRIL 19 MEETING IN BOISE**

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The Idaho Water Resource Board approved six requests for water project loans amounting to about \$838,800 at its regular meeting last Friday (April 19) in Boise, Board officials said today.

The requests approved included:

- A loan of \$38,000 for the Picabo Livestock Company (Blaine County west of Carey) for a new town well;
- A loan of \$150,000 for the Dalton Water Association (Dalton Gardens in Kootenai County north of Coeur d'Alene) to replace a street water main;
- A loan of \$35,000 for the Carlin Bay Homeowners Association (Kootenai County on the east shore of Lake Coeur d'Alene) to replace a water line and upgrade its pumping plant;
- A loan of \$500,000 for the Preston-Riverdale & Mink Creek Canal Company (Franklin County north of Preston) for a pipeline project to replace an open canal;
- A loan of \$85,800 for the Jefferson Irrigation Company (Jefferson County near Mud Lake) to deepen one well and replace a second well; and
- A loan of \$30,000 for the Robertson Ditch Company (Gooding County northwest of Gooding) to rehabilitate a canal.

The Board deferred action on a request for a \$7,500 grant and a \$286,576 loan for the Wilderness Ranch Homeowners Association (Boise County southwest of Idaho City) for planning and design of a new surface water treatment plant. The Board decided to wait until a requested water right change has been processed and acted upon by the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

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Board members also changed the repayment period of an existing loan to the Skin Creek Water Association from 15 to 21 years.

The Board adopted a resolution finding that a proposed stream channel alteration to construct a boat ramp on the South Fork Snake River was in compliance with the Board's Comprehensive State Water Plan for the river.

A resolution adopting temporary rules for construction and use of injection wells was also approved. Temporary rules will satisfy Environmental Protection Agency requirements related to delegation of underground injection control to the state. Permanent rules are proposed for publication in July or August 2002 and approval by the legislature during the 2003 session.